

Buffalo County Local Emergency Planning Committee

Quarterly Meeting October 23, 2006

Chairman Loewenstein called the meeting to order at 7:07 P.M. at the Eaton's

Roll call

Present (10): Amy Elwood, Don Engel Jr., Judy Jobman, Darrin Lewis, Tim Loewenstein, Mike Martinosky, Brian Mendenhall, Dan Saathoff, Amy Schweitzer and Ken Tracy

Excused (6): Dean Aden, Robert Anderson, Vern Fiala, Randy John, Dan Lynch, and Jerry Thompson

Absent (1) Michael Morgan

Guest (1) Don Dryer

There was a quorum present.

Approval of Minutes

Motion made by Tracy, seconded by Mendenhall to approve the minutes of October 23, 2006. Motion carried.

Oral Communication

Amy reminded everyone that Two Rivers would be happy provide a presentation on the Pandemic Flu to any LEPC entity. She reminded everyone who attended the Pandemic Influenza training earlier in the year that she still needs the completed forms returned listing the critical functions, positions and number of staff in the position needed to continue operations if there were a Pandemic Flu outbreak.

Old Business

Don Dreyer was present to report for Chief Lynch that locations were still being investigated by none had been located for housing the Mobile command center. LEPC members offered a few possible options.

Lewis reported on the LEPC web pages, advising more information will be added by the Buffalo County IT Department soon and via Eaton's technology, Dan pulled up the LEPC website and we viewed Tox Town an interactive guide to commonly encountered toxic substances which will probably be added to our site and members offered items which they felt could be added to our LEPC site.

Reports

Amy and Darrin explained (COAD) Community Organizations Active in Disaster cancelled the tabletop exercise they had planned because of a poor response of attendees. The group is trying to get more people active and interested in the organization. Plans are progressing to hold a Safety Fair in Kearney on September 15 or 22, 2007 which is designated as "Preparedness Month". JR Reider (CERT) and Danny Baer are assisting. Amy advised that there will be an (AED) press conference on Tuesday October 24, 2006 10:00 A.M. at the conference room in the Education Building at the College.

Emergency Manager Lewis stated he attended the (DCC) Dialogic Communications Corporation held in Colorado for High Speed Notification training. He explained and updated the group on some of the benefits and capabilities of the system to expedite communication. He told the group Buffalo County has available at the Law Enforcement Center the updated GIS system complete with flyover mapping. Lewis also explained about the Citizens Corp Grant, CERT held training and Buffalo County has stated there are 14 new CERT trainers in our area and money will be available for the (MRC) Medical Reserve Corp. He also reiterated his hope for more entities represented on the LEPC and suggested the Hospital, Schools, Railroad, Highway and Sanitation Departments. Chairman and Emergency Manager will review these possibilities and present names for possible membership.

Chairman Loewenstein explained the County Board will take action on Tuesday October 24, 2006 for the purchase of the switch required for implementation of Enhanced 911 Wireless telephone and to sign an (MOU) Memorandum of Understanding with the State of Nebraska to carryout the (TICP) Tactical Interoperable Communications Plan process within the Central Training Region which will keep Buffalo County on the leading edge of technology. The new system will allow dispatchers to get full 911 and wire line at the center and the backups. The system is a fully redundant switch, with two of each component in the box plus a spare parts kit. Should one particular piece fail, the system automatically has the second built-in component take over. An alarm sounds, but the system still operates. The new Enhance 911 will be available by January 16, 2007.

New Business

Dan Saathoff presented each LEPC member a red and /or blue LEPC shirt which was purchased by Eaton Corporation. Everyone offered their appreciation to Dan and Eaton's Corporation for their generosity. Noting the shirts will provide a cohesive appearance for the LEPC membership in the community and provide a distinctive identity which is so important in an emergency.

There will be Radiological training on November 13 and November 14 at Fire Station I and LEPC members are invited to attend.

Next meeting

The next meeting will be held on January 22, 2007 at the (KVFD) Kearney Volunteer Fire Department Station I, 2211 Avenue A, Kearney, Nebraska at 7:00 P.M.

Adjournment

Chairman Loewenstein adjourned the meeting at 8:10 P.M.

Respectfully submitted

Judy Jobman, Secretary